

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of this Amendment and submit the following remarks. Claims 1-69 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants are canceling claims 45-69 without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been amended.

By Applicants' election to the Restriction Requirement made in the Office Action and described below, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-44) without traverse. Non-elected claims 45-52 (Group II) and claims 53-69 (Group III) have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as noted above. As a result claims 1-44 are pending for examination, with claims 1, 15, and 22 being independent claims.

1. Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005, the claims were restricted into 3 Groups:

Group 1: Claims 1-44, drawn to a wastewater treatment method, classified in class 210, subclass 601+.

Group II: Claims 45-52, drawn to wastewater treatment system, classified in class 210, subclass 198.1+.

Group III: Claims 53-69, drawn to a machine readable medium, classified in class 455, subclass 558.

By this Response, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, including claims 1-44 for examination in this application without traverse.

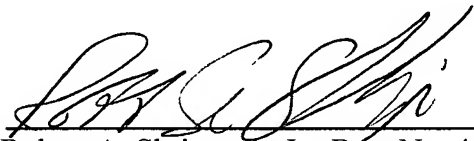
Applicants note that divisional applications have been filed on the subject matter of the non-elected claims. These divisional applications were filed on July 7, 2005, as application Serial Nos. 11/176,018 and 11/176,764.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, consideration and favorable action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

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